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Possible Amendments to the FY2005 Defense Appropriations Act (H.R. 4613)

The following are potential amendments. Under the open rule (H.Res. 683), new amendments may be offered without notice (although the rule does give priority to those amendments that were pre-printed in the *Congressional Record*). If your boss is considering offering an amendment, please forward the text to paul.teller@mail.house.gov.

Amendments Pre-Filed in Congressional Record:

#1 Blumenauer: Increases operation and maintenance funds for confidential Army purposes by \$1.4 billion (to \$27.2 billion), increases funds for the Army's environmental restoration of formerly used defense sites by \$2 billion (to \$2.2 billion), and decreases funds for research, development, test, and evaluation (defense-wide) by \$3.4 billion (to \$17.5 billion).

#2 Blumenauer: Increases operation and maintenance funds for confidential Army purposes by \$60 million (to \$25.9 billion), increases funds for the Army's environmental restoration of formerly used defense sites by \$400 million (to \$616 million), and decreases funds for research, development, test, and evaluation (defense-wide) by \$460 million (to \$20.4 billion).

#3 Blumenauer: Increases funds for research, development, test, and evaluation (defense-wide) by \$5 million and then decreases such funds by the same amount. This is a parliamentary way of getting time on the floor to speak germanely about an item or issue without actually changing the appropriation for the item.

#4 Blumenauer: Increases operation and maintenance funds for confidential Army purposes by \$140 million (to \$26.0 billion) and decreases funds for research, development, test, and evaluation (defense-wide) by \$200 million (to \$20.7 billion).

#5 Blumenauer: Creates an Assistant Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Military Munitions Response, who would oversee policy and budgeting issues involving the characterization, remediation, research, and management of military munitions response at former military ranges known or suspected to contain unexploded ordnance or other abandoned military munitions, and be the single point of contact for elements of the military departments with munitions response responsibilities. Also creates a separate account for a "Military Munitions Response Program," through which funds would be provided for the

remediation of unexploded ordnance, discarded military munitions, and munitions constituents at formerly used defense sites.

#6 Blumenauer: Increases funds for the Army’s environmental restoration of formerly used defense sites by \$200 million (to \$416 million), and decreases funds for research, development, test, and evaluation (defense-wide) by \$200 million (to \$20.7 billion).

#7 Velazquez: Prohibits funds from being used to fund any contract in contravention of section 8(d)(6) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(6)), which deals with subcontract requirements for small businesses (with particular emphasis on small businesses owned by veterans, “economically disadvantaged individuals,” and women).

#8 Woolsey: Increases the Former Soviet Union Threat Reduction Account (for disposing of nuclear weapons, etc.) by \$15 million (to \$424 million) and decreases funds for research, development, test, and evaluation (defense-wide) by \$15 million (to \$20.8 billion).

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